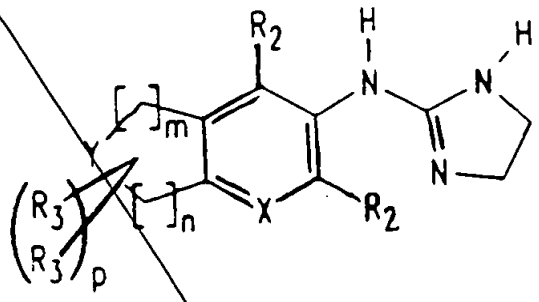
What is claimed is:

1. A compound having the structure:



wherein X is CR_7; N; or N^+O^-;

wherein Y is O; CO; S; CR_3R_5; or NR_6;

wherein each R_2 is independently H; F; Cl; Br; I; $-NO_2$, -CN; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; -OH; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; $-COR_4$; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_3 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; -OH; $=N-OR_4$; COR_4; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_4 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; or phenyl;

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wherein each R_5 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl, or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl;

wherein R_6 is H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; $-CH_2CH_2(CH_2)_qOH$; COR_4; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_7 is independently H; -CN; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; -OH; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; $-COR_4$; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

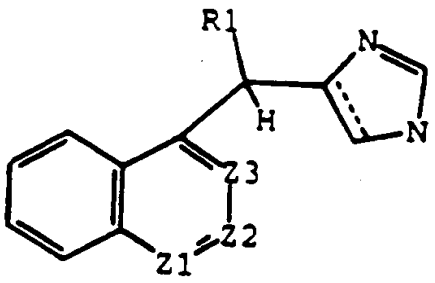
wherein m and n are each independently 0, 1, 2 or 3, provided that m+n is 2 or 3;

wherein each p is independently 0, 1 or 2; and

wherein each q is independently 0, 1, 2 or 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. A compound having the structure:



wherein each of Z1, Z2 and Z3 is N or CR_2, with the proviso that either one of Z1, Z2 or Z3 is N and the others of Z1, Z2 or Z3 are CR_2, or both Z1 and Z3 are N and Z2 is CR_2;

wherein R_1 is H; F; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy, -OH; or $-(CH_2)_qOH$;

wherein each R_2 is independently H; F; Cl; Br; I; $-NO_2$, -CN; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; -OH; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; $-COR_4$; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_4 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; or phenyl; and

wherein q is each independently 0, 1, 2 or 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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3. The compound of claim 1 or 2, wherein the compound comprises the (+) enantiomer.

4. The compound of claim 1 or 2, wherein the compound comprises the (-) enantiomer.

5. The compound of claim 1, wherein Y is CR_3R_5, and m+n is 3.

6. The compound of claim 1, wherein Y is CR_3R_5 and m+n is 2.

7. The compound of claim 1, wherein Y is NR_6.

8. The compound of claim 1, wherein X is N.

9. The compound of claim 2, wherein two of Z1, Z2 and Z3 are CR_2 and the other is N.

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10. The compound of claim 5, wherein p is at least 1 and at least one R_3 is methyl.

11. The compound of claim 5, wherein at least one R_3 is methyl.

12. The compound of claim 6, wherein at least one R_2 is bromo.

13. The compound of any one of claims 10, 11, or 12, wherein X is N.

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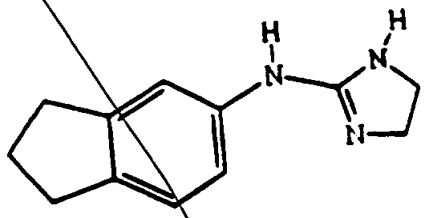
14. The compound of claim 9, wherein at least one R_2 is methyl or phenyl.

15. The compound of claim 9, wherein R_1 is C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, or -OH.

16. The compound of claim 6 having the structure:



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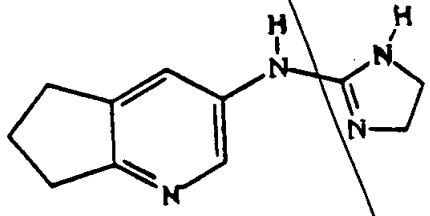

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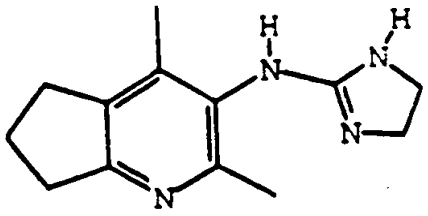
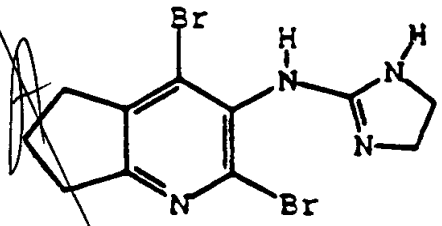
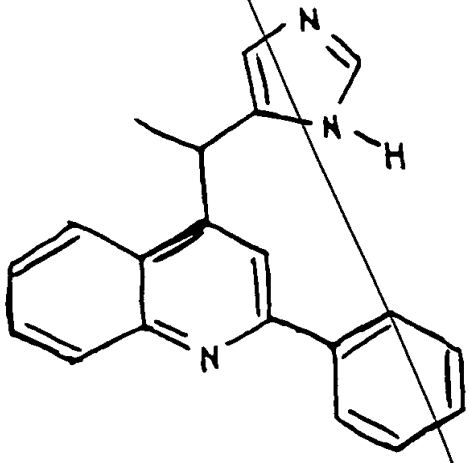


19. The compound of claim 12 having the structure:

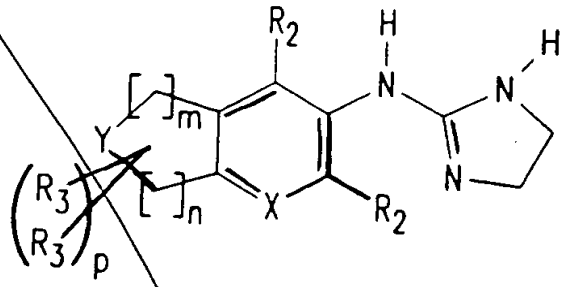


20. The compound of claim 15 having the structure:



21. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1 or 2 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

22. A method for treating an α_2 adrenergic receptor associated disorder in a subject, which comprises administering to the subject an amount of a compound effective to treat the disorder, wherein the compound has the structure:



wherein X is CR_7; N; or N^+O^-;

wherein Y is O; CO; S; CR_3R_5; or NR_6;

wherein each R_2 is independently H; F; Cl; Br; I; $-NO_2$, -CN; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; -OH; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; $-COR_4$; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_3 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; -OH; $=N-OR_4$; COR_4; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_4 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; or phenyl;

wherein each R_5 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl, or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl;

wherein R_6 is H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; -$CH_2CH_2(CH_2)_qOH$; COR_4; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_7 is independently H; -CN; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; -OH; -$(CH_2)_3OH$; -COR_4; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

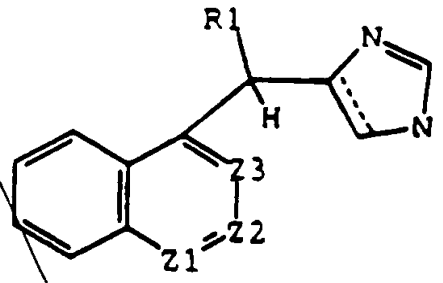
wherein m and n are each independently 0, 1, 2 or 3, provided that m+n is 2 or 3;

wherein each p is independently 0, 1 or 2; and

wherein each q is independently 0, 1, 2 or 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

23. A method for treating an α_2 adrenergic receptor associated disorder in a subject, which comprises administering to the subject an amount of a compound effective to treat the disorder, wherein the compound has the structure:



wherein each of Z1, Z2 and Z3 is N or CR_2, with the proviso that either one of Z1, Z2 or Z3 is N and the others of Z1, Z2 or Z3 are CR_2, or both Z1 and Z3 are N and Z2 is CR_2;

wherein R_1 is H; F; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy, -OH; or $-(CH_2)_qOH$;

wherein each R_2 is independently H; F; Cl; Br; I; $-NO_2$, -CN; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; -OH; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; $-COR_4$; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_4 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; or phenyl; and

wherein q is each independently 0, 1, 2 or 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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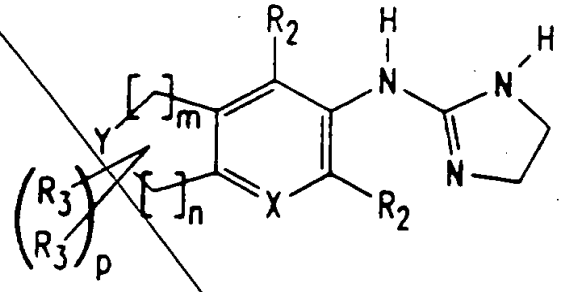
24. The method of claim 22 or 23, wherein the disorder is migraine headache, hypertension or glaucoma.

25. A method for treating pain in a subject, which comprises administering to the subject an amount of a compound effective to treat the subject's pain, wherein the compound has the structure:



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wherein X is CR_7; N; or N^+O^-;

wherein Y is O; CO; S; CR_3R_5; or NR_5;

wherein each R_2 is independently H; F; Cl; Br; I; $-NO_2$, -CN; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; -OH; $-(CH_2)_3OH$; $-COR_4$; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_3 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4

alkoxy; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; -OH; $=N-OR_4$; COR_4; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_4 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; or phenyl;

wherein each R_5 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl, or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl;

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wherein R_6 is H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; $-CH_2CH_2(CH_2)_qOH$; COR_4; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_7 is independently H; -CN; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; -OH; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; $-COR_4$; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

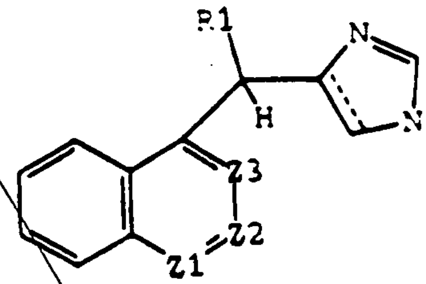
wherein m and n are each independently 0, 1, 2 or 3, provided that m+n is 2 or 3;

wherein each p is independently 0, 1 or 2; and

wherein each q is independently 0, 1, 2 or 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

26. A method for treating pain in a subject, which comprises administering to the subject an amount of a compound effective to treat the subject's pain, wherein the compound has the structure:



wherein each of Z1, Z2 and Z3 is N or CR_2, with the proviso that either one of Z1, Z2 or Z3 is N and the others of Z1, Z2 or Z3 are CR_2, or both Z1 and Z3 are N and Z2 is CR_2;

wherein R_1 is H; F; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy, -OH; or $-(CH_2)_qOH$;

wherein each R_2 is independently H; F; Cl; Br; I; $-NO_2$, -CN; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; -OH; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; $-COR_4$; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_4 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; or phenyl; and

wherein q is each independently 0, 1, 2 or 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.